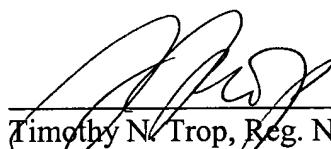


REMARKS

The claims have been amended to call for three sigma-bonded moieties. It is not clear that there are even two moieties in compound II-18 in Kodama. But, most certainly, it is beyond dispute that there are not three sigma-bonded entities coupled to the base atom. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of claim 1, as amended, would be appropriate.

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